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SUBJ: UNESCO 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: DRAFT DECLARATION OF
MASS MEDIA: BENIN

REF: STATE 257992

1. DEMARCH MADE ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
DIRECTOR SOGLO PER REFTTEL REVEALED HE UNINFORMED OF MASS-MEDIA
DRAFT DECLARATION. SOGLO SAID THAT DELEGATION TO UNESCO
CONFERENCE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE FLEXIBILITY TO DECIDE ITSELF
ON MERITS OF ISSUE. LIKELY HEAD OF BEININESE DELEGATION WILL
BE MINISTER OF PRIMARY EDUCATION, CAPTAIN VINCENT GUEZODJE,
(GAY-ZO-JAY) WHOM EMBASSY HAS FOUND TO BE APPROACHABLE ON MOST
OCCASIONS. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT SOGLO HIMSELF MAY BE
WORKING LEVEL CHIEF.

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2. SINCE SOGLO SAID THAT BENINESE DELEGATION MAY ARRIVE AT
CONFERENCE WITHOUT FIXED INSTRUCTIONS, CONTACT BY U.S.
REP MIGHT BE PROFITABLE. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS, HOWEVER,
THAT AN APPROACH TO BENIN DELEGATION RE MASS-MEDIA
DECLARATION BE DIVORCED COMPLETELY FROM ZIONISM-AS-
RACISM ISSUE. OWING TO BENIN'S FIRM COMMITMENT TO
UNGA RES. 3379. SUGGEST INSTEAD THAT DISCUSSION CENTER ON
U.S. ACTION PROGRAM ALTERNATIVES AND NECESSITY FOR
CONSENSUS AGREEMENT. SOGLO INDICATED POSSIBLE BENINESE
SUPPORT FOR COMPROMISE DECLARATION. THOMPSON UNQUOTE.
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